

but because of the pandemic, we are experiencing over 1 million cases a week and 2,000 deaths a day.

Because of that, we are finding ourselves in more self-induced economic comas, just like we are seeing in my State of California and my district on the central coast of California.

We can't wait any longer for another economic package. That is why Democrats and Republicans of the Problem Solvers Caucus worked with a bipartisan group of Senators to come up with a targeted and temporary package of close to \$1 trillion to meet our most pressing needs. It is a compromise that can be a way to "yes" for both Houses and both sides to come together.

Mr. Speaker, it is going to be a dark winter, so it is our obligation to our constituents to come to the table to negotiate and pass a pandemic relief package to help us get on the road to recovery this spring.

#### BRING AUSTIN TICE HOME

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARDER of California). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise.

I rise today on behalf of my constituents, Marc and Debra Tice, the parents of Austin Tice.

Marc and Debra have asked that I extend their sincerest gratitude to the House of Representatives, all of its leadership and membership, for the passage of H. Res. 17, a resolution that, in effect, supports the President's desire to bring their son home.

Hence, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to their request, I thank Speaker PELOSI, because I had a personal conversation with Speaker PELOSI about this resolution, and I believe that that led to its coming to the floor.

I thank Majority Leader HOYER. He, in effect, orchestrated the bringing of this resolution to the floor.

I thank Congressman HILL for his support of the resolution at the committee level and for his efforts to bring his constituent, Dr. Kamalmaz, home.

I thank the outgoing chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. ELIOT ENGEL, for his efforts to bring the resolution out of committee.

I also thank the ranking member, the Texan, Mr. McCAUL, who is a person who has worked with me on many endeavors. He made this bipartisan early on, and I thank him for what he has done to help us get it through the committee.

I thank Senator CORNYN, Senator MURRAY, the 41 cosponsors of H. Res. 17, the 52 Senators and 152 Representatives who signed on to a letter to the President.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from Debra Tice to President Trump.

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2020.

DEAR PRESIDENT TRUMP, Thank you, from the entire Tice family, for your steadfast

commitment and determination to bring our beloved Austin safely home.

Yesterday there was a news story from the region that Austin Tice had been released and was on a plane headed home. Our phones were going crazy, our email was exploding, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram—every kind of social media was buzzing with an outpouring of high hopes and great joy. Many, many news outlets reached out eagerly hoping to verify this great news.

We know you can make this joyful news a reality. We know the Syrians are ready to work with you.

Please, please bring Austin home for the holidays.

Respectfully,

DEBRA TICE.

Debra—Working so hard on this. Looking for the answer. We want Austin back. I will never stop—

DONALD J. TRUMP.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, while they have asked me to extend their gratitude, I personally would like to thank the Tice family for their unwavering commitment to have Austin returned home and allow him to be with his family and his friends.

They also wished that I would thank President Trump on their behalf. I have a letter that is the best evidence of why they would have President Trump be thanked for what he has done.

The letter reads: "Friday, 13 November 2020.

"Dear President Trump,

"Thank you, from the entire Tice family, for your steadfast commitment and determination to bring our beloved Austin safely home.

"Yesterday there was a news story from the region that Austin Tice had been released and was on a plane headed home. Our phones were going crazy, our email was exploding, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram—every kind of social media was buzzing with an outpouring of high hopes and great joy. Many, many news outlets reached out eagerly hoping to verify this great good news.

"We know you can make this joyful news a reality. We know the Syrians are ready to work with you.

"Please, please bring Austin home for the holidays."

It is signed, "Respectfully, Debra Tice," Austin's mother.

The President is known to respond to letters of this kind by simply writing on a copy of the letter a message to be returned to the sender.

I shall read the President's statement:

"Debra—Working so hard on this—Looking for the answer. We want Austin back. I will never stop."

Mr. President, I salute you for your desire and your commitment to bring Austin home. And, Mr. President, I pray that it will be done before Christmas. It would be a wonderful thing, Mr. President, for this family that you now know and you have communicated with, for this family that has suffered for some 8 years without their son.

You would do well and serve them well, Mr. President, if you would honor

the commitment that you have indicated on this letter. It would bring joy unlike any these parents have ever experienced if you would do so.

So, Mr. President, I salute you. I salute you for your desire and commitment to bring Austin home. And I suspect that it has a lot to do with the fact that he is an American citizen, but I also suspect, Mr. President, that it has a lot to do with what you know about Austin.

Austin is an American hero, a veteran captain of the Marine Corps. Austin loved his country. He was willing to fight for it and, if necessary, sacrifice his life for it.

Austin played by the rules. In college, at age 16, he wanted to be a lawyer. But also, Austin was one of those rare, unique persons who not only wants to help, but who is willing to go to great lengths, great extremes to be of service.

He was a freelance journalist, as you know, Mr. President, and as such, he was willing to go into harm's way to places that most of us would never go into to be of service, to help people. So Austin decided that he would take his talents and his desires to Syria.

He went to Syria, and he crossed over the Syrian border in May of 2012. In August of 2012, he was detained at a checkpoint someplace near Damascus, and he has been missing ever since.

There have been what we call in the intelligence agencies, I believe, signs and proof of life. We know that he is alive, and we know that 8 years of this experience is taking a toll on Austin.

Austin deserves our greatest efforts to bring him home, because Austin is an American hero. His parents are in need of his touch, of his presence. They need to hug their son.

So the appeal has been made, and, Mr. President, you have said that you believe that you will do everything that you can. I am paraphrasing. You said you will never stop and that you are looking for the answer.

I believe the answer is within your power, and I believe the Tice family will be eternally grateful, as will most Americans, if you will bring their son home and do so before Christmas.

On behalf of the Tice family, Mr. President, I salute you for your desire and your commitment to bring him home.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair, not to a perceived viewing audience.

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#### ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, at this time it is an honor to yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER), my friend that is apparently in his last term in this body. Hopefully, he will be serving in another body.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVICE IN  
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding.

Today, as we wrap up three terms, we could not be more overwhelmed with the privilege that it has been to serve the people of North Carolina, specifically, central North Carolina, in the United States Congress.

I am the oldest of three boys, Mr. Speaker, of a Baptist preacher from the Panhandle of Florida and have had the privilege to live in North Carolina since 1991. Coming out of college, and having the opportunity to work, spending 16 years as a pastor, and then the last 6 years of serving in a different capacity.

What an honor to be able to walk the halls and to be able to think about the history that has made this country what it is today.

We were blessed to hit the ground running, becoming the first Member since its inception in 1973 to be elected chairman at the end of their first term of the largest caucus, the conservative caucus of the Republican Study Committee.

Recently, I have enjoyed extending and wrapping up a term as the vice chair of the GOP Conference. What a privilege it has been to serve the bulk of that time as cochairman with Senator JAMES LANKFORD of the Prayer Caucus. It has been a wonderful time to gather each Monday evening—in fact, many people don't even know the Prayer Caucus exists—for us to gather on that Monday evening after we fly in and for many years to gather in room 219, right off to my right, and seek God's guidance as we prayed for constituents and we prayed for the Lord to give us the hope and direction for this country.

I have lots of reflections over these last 6 years. I think of having a chance to be the starting pitcher for the Republican baseball team, an exhibition game for charity. Every year has been quite a treat.

I am sure many of my Republican friends are glad to see that the Honorable CEDRIC RICHMOND is now senior adviser to another gentleman and no longer in the House.

But what a privilege it has been to see the efforts that goes to the Boys and Girls Club, Mr. Speaker. And it has been neat that this has been a tradition since 1909.

And there have been other times. There was the moment when I saw STEVE SCALISE, our whip, come back from our teammates being shot at that morning, and how he came back and has come back strong; and how he has always represented his faith in a way that I think has impacted potentially far beyond any political work that he may do in this House.

There have also been times to engage in a more stern manner, serving on the House Oversight Committee with Chairman Jason Chaffetz. Chairman Chaffetz did a wonderful job as the House Oversight Chairman as we went after and questioned some of the unscrupulous behavior of James Comey and Pharma Bro. In fact, I still think Peter Strzok doesn't really care for me, but that is okay because sometimes the job requires it.

One of the moments that stand out on the House Oversight Committee was questioning Cecile Richards, Mr. Speaker, when I asked her specifically: Does it bother you that there are more African-American babies aborted in New York State than actually born? I will never forget that she was not even aware of that statistic.

Nor did I shy away from the fights on this floor. Probably the darkest or the heaviest moment was when we were working and going back and forth late into the night on the born alive amendment. And I cannot help remembering just the heaviness and the oppression of that night, as only three of my colleagues on the Democratic side stood up and said a baby that survives a botched abortion should have the right to stay alive.

I struggled with that. I still struggle with it. In fact, I think it is apparently evil not to be able to stand up and fight for all of us who are created in the image of God.

We have heard other comments. The dogma lives loudly. Even a good friend and colleague from Illinois that was pro-life, that was someone who advocated, is no longer part of the body and was basically run out of town. I struggle with those things.

If our rights come from our Creator and, as our Founding Fathers said they have in the past, do they not also come from the Creator in the present and in the future?

Not too far behind us here is the rotunda. There are eight pictures in the rotunda. The first four are depictions of our settlers, the people who founded this country who came here. In all four of those pictures, there is a depiction of Christianity.

The other four are depictions of our Founding Fathers. The last one is my favorite. It is George Washington. The picture is of George Washington, December 23, 1783, and in his hand he has his resignation.

For 8 years, he had been the commander in chief of the Revolutionary Army. Yet, in that letter he writes, though he had, potentially the ability, the military power behind him to be something of almost a monarch again, he captured something. He realized that if this country was going to be great, he had the foresight in that letter to write that the power had to come from we, the people. What a powerful expression.

As I think back over the last 6 years, I have traveled different places, 20-something different countries. No place

at all has impacted me more than standing there on the shores there at Normandy. And as our guide began to talk that day, I thought about this for the first time.

History shows us that those young men were supposed to have air cover but, because of the horrific weather, there was none. That day wasn't won by military might; wasn't won by great generals or colonels and military genius. Our freedom today, we can trace back to that moment, was won by 18- and 19-year-old young men who kept running up that hill, one wave after the other. What a powerful place and what a privilege it is to see these real heroes.

Arthur Ashe put it this way when he talked about heroism. He said: True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve all others at whatever cost.

In our 6 years, we have tried not to stick with the talking points. Maybe we have had a little bit of a different approach serving in Congress. I never surrendered my voting card either to the establishment, to leadership, or any special interest group.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the best kind of representative that you could have is someone who is pledging to represent all communities. You see, America is the greatest country and the longest-lasting republic in the history of the world; but the truth is, we didn't get it all right to start with.

We first launched this idea of individual liberty and opportunity, but it took a few people and a few years to get it right: The likes of Frederick Douglass, George White, Shirley Chisholm, Jackie Robinson, Mahalia Jackson, my friend, Clarence Henderson, and so many more heroes. But here's the cool part of the story: We never quit trying until our actions matched our words that in America all men would be created equal.

One of the privileges that I have had is to serve with John Lewis and cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge and to spend some time hearing his story and hearing his history, because I believe this, whether Republicans or Democrats, relationship is the conduit for good policy. People before the politics.

You don't have to throw out what you believe or your values or your principles. But are you genuine? Do we show up? Do we always have to be the keynote speaker at times?

I was committed to doing this, to be both a conservative and a bridge builder, and our team committed to that. Hardly a week went by that we didn't answer the question, are we making an argument, or are we making a difference?

In this town, those who make the most noise sometimes get the key roles. But in looking back, making the difference is ultimately the prize.

The successes? I believe it is simple; staying close to the Lord and having

the people pray and wrap their arms around us.

So many times, after spending a week in this arena, this gladiator arena, you go back home depleted and kind of worn out. And I will never be able to express my gratitude to the people who lifted their arms up and prayed for us week after week.

A couple of months ago, I met Freddy in New Bern, North Carolina. Freddy's a little street vendor with his guitar, and he had his guitar case open and was hoping to make a few bucks. I had a chance to harmonize with him as he played Let My Little Light Shine.

What a reminder this season that, ultimately, what our calling is, it is to let our light shine.

I think of Luke 2; I think of all the different things in this season that mean so much.

In this city, there are some ups and downs, there are some double-crosses, but I can tell you, I leave today with no bitterness, no axe to grind, not jaded, with a genuine love for my colleagues.

I specifically have to point out three that I have had the privilege of getting to know and having dinner with, basically, for about 3½ years, almost once a week, Tuesday evenings with Trey Gowdy, Senator TIM SCOTT, and the Director of National Intelligence, John Ratcliffe. I love these men. They have impacted my life. There were times the fellowship and the joy and the laughter, and even the merciless cutdowns from Mr. Gowdy, were incredibly rewarding and timely.

But there are people behind the scenes here in Washington, D.C., names that you will never know, but people like Everette, Carmelita, Lloyd, the people behind the scenes that continue to impact.

In closing today, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the people that made this possible, both in North Carolina and here in Washington, D.C. My appreciation to Janine, Grace, Joel, Bradley, Kyle, Phillip, Emily, Wayne, Olga, Jerome, Amber, Cory, Ryan, Kevin, Madeline, Dan, Alexa, Carson, Sruthi, Sean, Janae, Alison, Rudy, Kate, Katie, Louis, Davis, Rusty, Zach, Scott, Arian, Josh, Carter, Keifer, Wayne, Luke, Graham, Lauren, Brian, and two chiefs, Scott and Jack, and a deputy chief, Julie, who has been with me since the very beginning. I am proud of you guys. We made a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to conclude by thanking my family, Ryan, Rachel, Anna Claire, and Kelly. Thank you for allowing me to do something that is considered pretty special by many.

To my mom and dad, thank you for investing in me and putting in the values.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would like to close right now by expressing it may be in the words of Andrae Crouch:

"How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so

undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love for me; the voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee. To God be the glory."

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend. He has been a real asset here in the House, and I look forward to more accomplishments in the days to come.

Speaking of people I have served with, now she is a Senator, MARSHA BLACKBURN of Tennessee, very proud of her home State. She is doing a great job as a Senator, just as she did a great job in the House.

She has become the object of ridicule by a Chinese state-owned media editor. This article was written by Christina Wong, December 3. It says: The European Union Bureau Chief and columnist for Chinese state-run media outlet China Daily lodged a profane insult at U.S. Senator MARSHA BLACKBURN, Republican from Tennessee, on Thursday in a tweet.

BLACKBURN, a respected conservative Senator who is a hawk on China, tweeted Thursday: China has a 5,000 year history of cheating and stealing. Some things never change.

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Chen Weihua, EU bureau chief and columnist for China Daily, then responded to her tweet with: Witch, spelled with a B, Senator BLACKBURN.

Chen then followed up with another tweet that said: This is the most racist and ignorant U.S. Senator I have seen. A lifetime witch, spelled with a B at the start of the word.

The gentlewoman retweeted his one-word reply to BLACKBURN. BLACKBURN responded a couple of hours later in a statement. She said: "From Tiananmen Square to Uighur genocide, Communist China is an expert at slaughtering populations. America will not bow down to sexist Communist thugs."

Breitbart News' James Pinkerton profiled Chen in May. He wrote: "Chen Weihua works for the government-owned China Daily, reliably cranking out articles with headlines such as 'White House must concentrate on fighting outbreak, not China-bashing,' and, 'Washington must stop making decisions which undermine WHO.'"

"In other words, his journalistic output nicely coincides with the People's Republic of China's propaganda plans, from deflecting blame for the coronavirus away from Beijing to defending Beijing's minions at the World Health Organization."

Chen has previously tweeted: "Trump and Pompeo are not even good liars."

Pinkerton noted that Chen bashes the President and his administration reliably, but also eagerly, echoing top Democrats and leading never Trumpers.

Chen has also called Senator JOSH HAWLEY, a Republican from Missouri, another leading China hawk in the

Senate, "ignorant." HAWLEY responded: "#China not happy about my call to confront their economic imperialism by ending the WTO and replacing it with a system that is good for American workers. I love being insulted by #China state-run press."

Pinkerton noted that Chen has been the beneficiary of many liberal programs in the U.S.

Chen lists on his blue-checkmark verified Twitter bio he was a John S. Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford and a World Press Institute Fellow at Macalester College in Minnesota. He also listed the Freedom Forum in Washington, D.C.

So isn't that special. Perhaps one of these institutions is where he learned to call women witches, spelled with a B wherever it was. He is not a very polite person and is very defensive of being part of a misogynistic, sexist, racist, and religion-hating administration. He is apparently proud of that. It is very unfortunate.

But I am proud of Senator BLACKBURN. We are known by our friends, but we are known even more by our enemies, and Senator BLACKBURN has a real enemy there.

I was reminded back early on in my time in China when we went to China. She and I, the two of us, personally confronted, in Beijing, the Chinese bureaucrat in charge of enforcing copyright and patent fraud, which was just overwhelming in China. The amount that the state appeared to not only allow but actually be involved in was pretty staggering. At one point, either MARSHA or I asked: Why do you allow all of this patent fraud and copyright theft to go on?

The Chinese bureaucrat indicated that, actually, they don't. They step in, and, in fact, he said the year before, they had seized the assets from 500 different vendors who were selling copyright- or patent-infringed goods. Whether DVDs, CDs, things that violated Americans' patents, they seized them.

I said: So what did you do with what you seized?

I don't know Chinese law, but his indication was that, well, under Chinese law, we can't just destroy goods that have value, so we had to do something with them.

It appeared very clear that they seized these assets that were violating international trade, copyright, and patent laws. If they are not allowed to destroy such goods, then, obviously, they had to get rid of them since they felt they had value. So, the Chinese Government must have gotten into the business of selling copyright- and patent-infringed goods. So, there is not a lot of comfort there.

MARSHA and I did talk back then, and once you get away from the center of the Chinese Communist Party in Beijing and you get around to different cities in China, Mr. Speaker, we were both reminded they were so hospitable, so gracious, and so wanting you to

have a good experience in their towns. It reminded us both of Southern hospitality here in the U.S. The people were absolutely wonderful, Mr. Speaker. You just had to get away from the central government before you saw just how wonderful and fantastic the Chinese people are.

But in Beijing, you have the hotbed of Communist Party activity. Although there are some in the United States who are wanting to get to being a Communist nation as quickly as possible, we see, anytime there is a Communist government, it is not good for the people at all.

Another story from Simon Kent, December 1: "No Twitter 'Fact-Check' Warning on Chinese Official's Fake Photo of Australian Soldier Beheading Child."

A lot of people have seen the photo, yes, but the Chinese produced a photo that was falsified. The Australian soldier was not about to behead a child. It is just more fake information out of the Chinese Communist Party.

I guess if you are Twitter, Mr. Speaker, that is not something you would fact-check. You only want to fact-check honorable and honest people with whom you have disagreements. You wouldn't want to fact-check someone who is providing you a lot of money despite their retraining camps, their lies, and their official misrepresentations. You wouldn't want to do that because they might be tempted to cut back the revenue to your form of business.

So, as Chris Plante says, if it weren't for double standards, they would have no standards at all there at Twitter.

Twitter expands hate speech rules. Well, of course, you are not going to go after people who truly are full of hate, Mr. Speaker. They think conservatives are hateful. As a Christian, we are admonished by Jesus to love one another. We were admonished by Jesus Himself to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

So, Christianity is truly a religion based completely on love. It is such an incredible thing to base a religion on, but that is what it is. God so loved the world He gave His Son; His Son so loved the world He gave His life. Then, you have people saying: Well, these Christians and these churches are full of nothing but hate, when actually that is doing what the Chinese Communist Party does. You are taking something out of context and actually perverting the actual beliefs of Christianity.

Twitter is expanding hate speech rules that will allow them to continue to produce things and get revenue from the Chinese Communist Party and not call into question their true hate of groups that might disagree with them. You run over them with a tank if they disagree with you even though they are unarmed. That is the kind of thing that Twitter is embracing here.

But this story from Lucas Nolan, 3 December, says: "Twitter has once

again expanded its hate speech policies to 'prohibit language that dehumanizes people on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin.'"

That is really rich coming from Twitter since they embrace the Chinese Communist Party and their hatred and their dehumanization of Uighurs, Christians, and people who want to have more than one child, and based on race, ethnicity, and national origin.

"Engadget reports that social media platform Twitter has expanded its hate speech policies again, this time to 'prohibit language that dehumanizes people.'"

And on it goes: "The change in policy comes more than 2 years after Twitter said that it intended to ban dehumanizing language and over 6 months from that last change to the site's policies that banned hate speech relating to age, disability, and disease."

So, anyway, again, if it weren't for double standards, Twitter would have no standards at all.

This article from Rich Noyes, November 24, "The Stealing of the 2020 Presidency: The Media Kept the Truth From Americans": "A new study shows that if the media didn't apply a leftist bias to its Presidential news coverage, Donald Trump would have comfortably won a second term as President."

"To measure the true effect of the media's censorship on the election, the Media Research Center asked The Polling Company to survey 1,750 Biden voters in seven swing States—Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin—six of which, all but North Carolina, were called for Biden. We tested these voters' knowledge of eight news stories, all important topics that our ongoing analysis had shown the liberal news media had failed to cover properly. We found that a huge majority, 82 percent, of Biden voters were unaware of at least one of these key items, with 5 percent saying they were unaware of all eight of the issues we tested."

"This lack of information proved crucial: One of every six Biden voters we surveyed, 17 percent, said they would have abandoned the Democratic candidate had they known the facts about one or more of these news stories. A shift of this magnitude would have changed the outcome in all six of the swing States won by Joe Biden, and Donald Trump would have comfortably won a second term as President."

Now, that is from Newsbusters. I really like those folks, but they are wrong about that. As we saw from the results and what occurred, and we are seeing more evidence every day, this concludes Donald Trump would have won comfortably. But as many of us know, there would have been more trucks with more fake ballots that would have been brought in, so the claim would have been made anyway that Donald Trump did not win because they just needed to know how many ballots they needed to overcome and they would bring them in to do so.

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Consistent with that, from Just the News, David Payne—it is a story about what has been going on.

Sworn testimony of several whistleblowers on Tuesday—and this isn't like the fake whistleblower against President Trump that didn't actually hear the conversation. He was basing it on double hearsay. These are actually whistleblowers who had firsthand knowledge of what went on. And when they testified under oath from those who say there is no evidence, it is unfounded to say there was fraud, it is not their fault they are saying that, it is just they are very uneducated.

So to help with that, when a witness has firsthand knowledge, personally observe, personally saw something occur, and they put that in a sworn affidavit, then we have evidence. It is not unfounded. I know people that have said that. It is not their fault. They are just ignorant, uneducated on what is evidence and what isn't. But sworn testimony is evidence when it is first person.

And there are some exceptions to the hearsay rule that lots of articles have been written about and discussed in legal treatises. But in this case, it is not hearsay for most of these things that have been produced.

But sworn testimony of several whistleblowers alleged what one election integrity activist is calling "potential ballot fraud on a massive scale," with multiple eyewitnesses testifying to alleged suspicious behavior in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

In a press conference in Arlington, Virginia, the Amistad Project—a civil liberties initiative of the Thomas More Society—presented the testimony of three individuals who claim to have witnessed apparent voting malfeasance—that means wrongdoing for those that don't know about evidence—during the 2020 election.

One, Jesse Morgan, a truck driver for a subcontractor with the United States Postal Service, claimed that a trailer he was driving, one full of potentially upwards of 288,000 ballots, disappeared from its parked location at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, U.S. Postal Service depot after Morgan dropped it off there. Morgan had transported these ballots from Bethpage, New York.

Well, that is interesting. You could have 288,000 voting ballots that were produced in Bethpage, New York, and supplied to Pennsylvania—apparently, having already been voted in. And it is possible that people would want to give them the benefit of the doubt. It is possible they had 288,000 people from Pennsylvania just temporarily residing in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and wanted to vote absentee in the Pennsylvania election.

So, yeah, maybe it is possible that 288,000 Pennsylvanians were not in Pennsylvania pursuing homemade pumpkins pies—Perry Como used to sing—that they were actually in Bethpage, New York.

The subcontractor also reportedly experienced "odd behaviors" from U.S. Postal Service personnel, behaviors which postal experts have said in sworn statements, "grossly deviated from normal procedure and

behavior,” according to a press release from the Amistad Project.

Mr. Speaker, by the way, for anybody that might be uneducated on the ways of court evidence, in a civil matter such as this, the normal standard of proof is a preponderance of the evidence, just the slightest evidence more showing that conduct probably was in appropriate. That is enough. It does not have to be beyond a reasonable doubt unless you are getting ready to prosecute people under criminal laws.

Once you move into the criminal realm to prosecute people guilty of election fraud, then it does need to be beyond a reasonable doubt but not to establish a standard for an injunction to prevent decertification or to force decertification after certification, or to actually declare an election invalid, even. That is a burden of more probable than not, or probable cause rather than beyond a reasonable doubt.

Another whistleblower, Nathan Pease of Madison, Wisconsin—himself also a subcontractor for the U.S. Postal Service—alleged that he was told that the postal service was planning to backdate tens of thousands of ballots in the days after the November 3 election in order to circumvent the ballot submission deadline.

A third witness, Gregory Stenstrom—who testified at a Pennsylvania legislature hearing in Gettysburg last week—claimed to have witnessed a Dominion Voting Systems vendor inserting jump drives into voting aggregation machines in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

And for those that don't know, that is not appropriate under the situation, as was here. And it really shouldn't be appropriate in any situation. We need to do away with the ability to have some foreign-owned counting service, like we have had in Texas, in the big cities—no county that wasn't a big city controlled by Democratic officials would ever allow that to happen in east Texas, west Texas, south Texas, north Texas. But in our big cities, yes, they will hire foreign firms, as they have, or firms funded by foreign money. They will hire them.

But they should not be, number one, connected to internet, should not ever be susceptible of foreign ability to access information, which means also to manipulate information if they are good hackers. And just as I said in 2001, back when I was a felony judge in Texas and Congress overstepped what was appropriate and ordered that every county in America had to give up what system of voting, no matter how effective and appropriate and protected it was, and all by electronic voting machines, it costs, seemed like \$2 billion or so dollars. It was an unfunded mandate. But worse to me is someone who worked in our county courthouse—I said back in 2001, this means because of Congress' inappropriate bill they passed, that eventually elections will go to the best—the person with the best hacker. And now, 19 years later, that is what we have.

Mr. Speaker, but it wasn't just hacking. It was also manipulation that

wasn't hacking. There were doors to which electronic experts could go to manipulate things. It was creating fraudulent ballots. It was—also, as I recall, the Texas constitution itself requires that ballots to be numbered sequentially, and I don't believe that has been done in quite some time.

So Texas, even though President Trump won and we picked up Republican seats there, I would submit it would be potentially even better results if we had ballots that comported with the Texas constitution. And I would submit that everybody ought to be having sequentially numbered ballots just to protect the election and voting process.

“In its press release, Amistad Project director, Phil Kline, said the testimonies are ‘compelling.’”

You see, testimony means things that were said under oath, which means it is evidence. It is a foundation for the claims of election fraud.

“This evidence joins with unlawful conduct by State and local election officials, including accepting millions of dollars of private funds, to undermine the integrity of this election, Kline said.” In this press release, the Amistad Project says it has collected sworn expert testimony alleging that “over 300,000 ballots are at issue in Arizona, 548,000 in Michigan, 204,000 in Georgia, and over 121,000 in Pennsylvania.”

And in case there is wondering about whether or not that would affect the election, that would absolutely affect the election in each of those states.

The story from PJ Media, Tyler O'Neal, December 1, again, talks about the truck driver that testified—which means it was under oath and it is evidence—“He had driven thousands of ballots from Bethpage, New York, to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 2 weeks before Election Day. Phil Kline, a former attorney general of Kansas and director of the Amistad Project of the Thomas More Society, said that the Amistad Project corroborated the truck driver's story.”

So that is evidence.

This story by Jim Hoft: “Colonel Phil Waldron”—that I believe he has some former NSA folks that work with him—“tells Michigan lawmakers truckloads of ballots for Joe Biden were inserted into the Michigan 2020 election.”

Colonel Phil Waldron spoke tonight—this is dated December 2—at a Michigan hearing following his explosive testimony in Arizona on Monday on the voting machines used in U.S. elections. The Dominion systems were connected to the internet as well, despite Dominion's claims to the contrary.

And that also—let me insert here—that also helps explains the U.S. Government's director that was suppose to have been protecting our election, cybersecurity, making sure it was secured. There was a puff piece done on the director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Association—or agency. Krebs was his name, Christopher Krebs. He had indicated in an

article on Election Day that he wanted to thank his partners in Silicon Valley. And he was also grateful—I am sure he had someone in Dominion advising him, but Krebs said everything is good because he talked to people that might have been involved in the fraud and they assured him everything was good. So he said everything was good.

Also, with our Attorney General Barr, he said he had seen no evidence of fraud. And there are others that have said the same thing. And I would humbly submit that all you have to do is close your eyes, stick your fingers in your ear, and sing “la la la” for a long period of time. Keep it up and you will neither see nor hear any evidence of fraud.

So if our Attorney General can keep that up, then he will continue not to see or hear any evidence of fraud. So, hopefully, he has not been listening to what I have had to say here in the House because, here, again, it would cause him to demand to see and hear the actual evidence, and he may not want to do that so he can stay consistent.

But the evidence is there. It is evidence. It is sworn. And as this article points out:

According to Waldron, the United States has a copy of the traffic and the packets of information that were sent to Germany on election night.

Yesterday, the first expert at the Arizona State Legislature hearing with Rudy Giuliani was U.S. cybersecurity expert, Colonel Phil Waldron.

And Phil is an impressive man, an impressive person when it comes to cybersecurity.

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“Colonel Phil Waldron spoke first at the Arizona hearing about the voting machines used in the U.S. election. The Dominion systems were connected to the internet as well, despite Dominion's claims to the contrary. The records within the system can be manipulated by outside parties and insiders as well.

“On Wednesday night, Colonel Waldron told the committee that they have witnesses now who delivered truckloads of ballots for Joe Biden from New York to Pennsylvania. Waldron said they likely did the same thing in Wisconsin.

“Waldron explained that Democrats inserted truckloads of fraudulent ballots into the fraudulent 2020 election.”

Many people saw the video from Georgia that was played yesterday, last evening. This article from The Gateway Pundit, December 3, says: “Earlier today Cristina Laila reported on the explosive video that was revealed during the Georgia ballot counting at the State Farm Arena where crooked Democrats pulled out suitcases full of ballots and began counting these ballots without election monitors in the room.

“Trump's legal team showed a video from the State Farm Arena tabulation center when poll workers were told to leave at 10:25 p.m.

“A few ‘workers’ stayed behind and were seen pulling suitcases of full of ballots out from under tables to be tabulated.”

So that seems strange, if you believe that the mainstream media never reports anything but facts, because you can, as I did yesterday, go online and put into Google anything about vote counting being suspended during election night. All of the first entries you get tell you that it was fact-checked; it is not true; it is fraudulent representation. It is not true; there was never any suspension of vote counting for any time in the swing States.

In other words, even though you heard it and you saw it happening on TV, don't believe your lying eyes and ears; believe what we tell you, because we are coming to you through the internet, so you can trust us, but don't trust your lying eyes or ears.

Anyway, in that video, it is very clear, they did pull out suitcases full of ballots that were—whether intentional or not, they were hidden under tables, and they weren't pulled out until after the monitors and the other vote counters were ordered to leave, that they were stopping the vote counting, and they did leave. That is when the ballots come out from under the table and the counting of those ballots begins. It is absolutely extraordinary.

But some of us have known that this kind of activity has been going on. We know that there were electronic manipulations in Dallas County in 2018. It is really unfortunate. Our Texas Attorney General had a chance to be a national hero, had they stepped in, utilized evidence from there. And I have heard people say, Well, I heard about that. There was really nothing to that.

Well, I have been following that for two years and trying to get people in law enforcement to do something about it. But they avoided the chance to be a national hero and refused to go after the fraud that existed in the 2018 primary and general election in Dallas County, again, by a firm that had foreign money supporting it, and they did the counting for Dallas County. But since nothing was done there, then the people were free to continue that type of operation in the national election.

Here is an article from Joel Pollak. “Attorneys Sidney Powell and Lin Wood told a rally in Atlanta, Georgia . . . Republicans should not vote in the January 5 runoff election for U.S. Senate unless State authorities rectify problems in the State's voting system.”

And I haven't talked to Lin Wood or Sidney Powell about that, but I would imagine, knowing them, that they were trying to make the point that this system needs to be cleaned up before the election on January 5, because we do need people to vote in that election—not multiple times, but legally; not people come in and illegally vote, but people vote legally as to who they want to represent them in the U.S. Senate.

So here is a story from the Epoch Times, Christina Kim, November 28:

“The complaint against Michigan's Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, marks the beginning of Powell's lawsuit against the State.

“Some of the allegations are repeated claims from Michigan and other States. Republican challengers were unable to ‘meaningfully observe,’ and workers were instructed to backdate ballots.

“Other claims are newer.

“Expert witness, Russell James Ramsland, Jr., works with the Allied Security Operations Group. In the past, he has worked with NASA and MIT.

“Ramsland said there were four ‘physically impossible’ ‘spikes totaling almost 385,000 ballots allegedly processed in a combined interval of 2 hours and 38 minutes.’ He concluded that ‘Dominion alone is responsible for the injection, or fabrication, of 290,000 illegal votes in Michigan that must be disregarded.’ This is nearly twice the number of ballots by which Biden is leading Trump, which is approximately 150,000 ballots.

“Dr. David Keshavarz-Nia has a Ph.D. in engineering and technology and received advanced training from the CIA, NSA and DHS. In his sworn statement . . .”—and again, since it is a sworn statement, it means the allegations are not unfounded and there is evidence of what is alleged—“‘that USB memory cards were used to facilitate administrative’ backdoor access ‘to disrupt polling operations and impact ballot counting across Michigan, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Wisconsin.’

“He also said, after a detailed analysis of the New York Times data, in his expert judgment, ‘the vote count distribution in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, Arizona, Nevada, and Georgia, are not based on normal system operation. Instead, they are caused by fraudulent electronic manipulation of the targeted voting machines.’

“Another affidavit was submitted by someone whose name and personal information was redacted. This person was an electronic intelligence analyst with extensive experience as a white hat hacker used by some of the top election specialists in the world.

“The expert alleged that a search of Edison Research showed they had an Iranian server and there are records showing China accessing Dominion Voting's servers.” Wow. “Edison Research reports the vote count tabulation to Decision Desk HQ for election results.

“According to the affidavit, the digital forensics analysis shows there is ‘unambiguous evidence that Dominion Voter Systems and Edison Research have been accessible and were certainly compromised by rogue actors, such as Iran and China.’”

Now, this is an area that does require expertise, and that is why you need experts to come in and testify about it. It is true that simply making a statement under oath in an area that re-

quires expertise may not be considered evidence until a judge—going back to the Merrell Dow decision of the U.S. Supreme Court—the judge became the gatekeeper, had to make inquiries of the expert outside the hearing of the jury, and determine whether or not this person was expert in an area in which he was proffered as a witness, and if the judge so finds, then that is, indeed, sworn evidence before the court.

“The complaint asks the Court to provide emergency relief to de-certify Wayne County's results, stop Benson and Whitmer from transmitting the State's certifications to the Electoral College, and ‘to transmit certified election results that President Donald Trump is the winner of the election’ in Michigan, among other requests.

“Michigan's Senate Committee is set to meet next Tuesday, December 1, to hear testimony about absentee ballot counting at Detroit's TCF center.”

You know, this is a matter that should be thoroughly investigated by all areas of the Government, the three branches of Government, including—for those who we are told are recent college graduates that know the Three Stooges' names better than the three branches of Government—it is the executive branch, from the President all the way down; the legislative branch, including Congress and the Senate; and also the judiciary branch, where you would ultimately come to have judicial decisions made over these things.

Those are all important. We all ought to be investigating this. It is part of our job as Members of Congress. That is what we need to be doing.

Yet, it is worth noting—and I think important to note—that as we heard the majority leader talking about concerns about COVID and businesses going bankrupt and not being able to operate and, of course, the unconstitutional shutdown of churches, where the Government does prohibit the free exercise of religion, those matters should concern everybody and especially about who you place as your servant in the Government.

But we hear the words from some people in this body about how critical it is that we do something about COVID. One of the first things we should have done—we had over \$120 billion that was unused that was authorized and appropriated in the original Payroll Protection Program. It is just sitting there. All we have got to do is say yes, go back and allow that to be used by businesses in trouble under the same conditions, or we can modify them, and we have a bill.

And Republicans have been, We don't care. Put a Democrat name on there. That is fine. Let's just do it to help businesses avoid going out of business. Instead, what we took up was the tiger bill. We took that up pretty quick this week.

And as my friend, Dr. DESJARLAIS, pointed out, if you look at the time that we spent in here voting on the



tiger bill, that, as I understand, only pertains to one place that keeps tigers, that during that period we voted on the tiger bill, there have been more people die of COVID than have died from tigers over the last 25 years. Yet, we rush in here to do the tiger bill.

I know there is a lot of use, metaphorically, of the red pill/blue pill from *The Third Eye* or *The Matrix*. And it is intriguing. You know, the red pill is supposed to show you truth, what is really going on, and the blue pill, you will just be in blissful ignorance. I couldn't help but be reminded of that.

When we are in here, we are not passing anything to help with COVID, not to help businesses going out of business. We are passing what ought to be called the blue pill law. We are not going to fix your problems, but we are hoping you will smoke dope so that you can—marijuana. So we are—I didn't vote for it—but appropriating a bunch of money to make marijuana more accessible, not for medicinal purposes—a lot of us are okay with that—but for widespread recreational use.

So that if you are bothered—whether it is seeing an election stolen or seeing your business go bankrupt, because the Government won't let you open, or seeing your church being closed and the preacher being taken down for someone who failed to wear a mask—smoke some dope. That is the message of the week. And that is what we did this week.

So that is the message from the majority. Go smoke some dope, take the blue pill, and you will enjoy life so much more.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward Members of the Senate or the President, including by repeating remarks made elsewhere that would be improper if spoken in the Member's own words.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, December 7, 2020.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 7, 2020, at noon.

#### OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Member executed the oath for access to classified information:

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-5782. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's interim final rule — Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants [RIN: 3038-AF02] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5783. A letter from the Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Position Limits for Derivatives (RIN: 3038-AD99) received December 2, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5784. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Major interim rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Assessing Contractor Implementation of Cybersecurity Requirements (DFARS Case 2019-D041) [Docket DARS-2020-0034] (RIN: 0750-AJ81) received December 2, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5785. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Transparency in Coverage (RIN: 1210-AB93) received November 17, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC-5786. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Financial Factors in Selecting Plan Investments (RIN: 1210-AB95) received November 17, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

EC-5787. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills; Standards of Performance for Kraft Pulp Mill Affected Sources for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 23, 2013 [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0741; FRL-10015-72-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AU53) received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5788. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arizona; Nonattainment Plan for the Hayden SO<sub>2</sub> Nonattainment Area [EPA-R09-OAR-2020-0109; FRL-10014-84-Region 9] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5789. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Thiamine Mononitrate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0112; FRL-10015-69] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5790. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Trinexapac-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0046; FRL-10012-51] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5791. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Revisions to Emissions Reporting Requirements [EPA-R02-OAR-2019-0681; FRL-10014-13-Region 2] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5792. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Calcium Pantothenate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0117; FRL-10015-71] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5793. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Findings of Failure To Submit State Implementation Plans Required for Attainment of the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) [EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0377; FRL-10015-79-OAR] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5794. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; South Coast Moderate Area Plan and Reclassification as Serious Nonattainment for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0145; FRL-10015-43-Region 9] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5795. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; Attainment Plan for the Indiana, Pennsylvania Nonattainment Area for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0615; FRL-10015-78-Region 3] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5796. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Control of Particulate Matter and Visible Emissions [EPA-R01-OAR-2020-0255; FRL-10013-47-Region 1] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5797. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Volatile Organic Compounds [EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0302; EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0676; FRL-10015-49-Region 5] received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.